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## Screen 2 Analysis Complete for State Route 20 Corridor *GDOT sharing results and seeking public input at September open houses*

CANTON, GA. (SEPTEMBER 8, 2015) – The Georgia Department of Transportation has completed another phase in the evaluation to reduce the number of alternatives proposed for the State Route (SR) 20 corridor from I-575 in Canton to SR 400 in Cumming. State Route 20 has exceeded its capacity and multiple improvements are needed to reduce congestion and improve safety and mobility in Cherokee and Forsyth counties. The Screen 2 analysis reduces the larger number of alternatives to a reasonable range of two strategies – which would be widening the existing corridor and widening the existing corridor with localized bypasses. This allows the Department to continue refining and evaluating these options in preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

“We wanted local input on how best to improve State Route 20 while enhancing the communities along the corridor and we got it,” said Cynthia Burney, SR 20 Project Manager for GDOT. “Now that we have narrowed to two alternatives, we hope to have the same degree of public input in helping to finalize them.”

A series of public meetings were held in 2013 to collect public input on proposed improvements. At the upcoming Public Information Open Houses, GDOT officials will present the results of the Screen 2 Analysis, which will share alternatives eliminated from consideration and solicit input on those recommended for additional study. There will be no formal presentations at the meetings, and identical information will be presented at each. GDOT staff will be available to discuss the project as they seek feedback on the potential solutions for the corridor.

September 15, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
137 Hightower Rd./SR 369  
Ball Ground, GA 30107

September 17, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Otwell Middle School  
605 Tribble Gap Rd.  
Cumming, GA 30040

Following the collection of public input, GDOT will finalize the reasonable range of alternatives, conduct a detailed environmental analysis and produce a Draft Environment Impact Statement (DEIS).

For more information about this project, please visit:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/BuildSmart/Projects/Pages/I575SR400.aspx>

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